missioners at first would have him come to Dundali but he refused, and on the 2Oth January they with three others met Tyrone and O'Donnell a mile out of the town, none of either side having any other weapons than swords The forces of either side stood a quarter of a mile distant from them, and whilst they parleyed (which ^as on horseback) two horsemen of the commissioners stood firm in the midway betsen T^ rone » troops and them, likewise two horsemen of Tyrone's were placed between them and the English forces , which were to give warning if any treacherous attempt were made on either side This treaty continued for three hours but without conclusion The next day they met again, at which time the Irish behaved as men exceeding fearful, continually gazing about, their spies riding near, and themselves less attentive than at first At the conclusion of this parley it was agreed that they should set down dividedly all the causes of their gnevances, their demands and offers, and thereupon the commissioners would answer them so reasonably as they hoped would be to their satisfaction

yd February. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FLEET

The inhabitants of certain ports and coast towns In Essex having made complaint that the setting forth of three hoys laid upon them is too great, the Council give order that the inhabitants of the county in general being as much interested as the parts maritime shall confer and resolve of some good proportion to be given in this behalf

%th February FRENCH NEWS.

It is said in the French King's camp that the Cardinal of Austria hath power from the King of Spain to conclude a peace between France and Spain for certain years ? but the Spanish King doth rather affect a long truce than a peace,

whereby he might retain what he now possesseth in France The Cardinal is now at Namur, he mtendeth (as appeareth from certain letters taken) to draw out all the old soldiers into the field, being resolved to besiege Calais or Boulogne to divert thereby the siege of La Fere.

$tb February NEWS OF DRAKE

A carvel from Havannah bnngeth news that Sir Francis Drake has taken the castle there and landed 4000 men.